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Application of : Frank Himmelsbach et al) Art Unit: 1624
U.S. Appln. No. : 10/016,280) Examiner: Tamthom Ngo Truong
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Title of Invention : Bicyclic heterocycles, pharmaceutical compositions containing these
compounds, their use and processes for preparing them
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to a communication from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, which communication was mailed on January 7, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two (2) of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.